



COVID-19 Community Update



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Please be aware that due to the evolving nature of the COVID-19 situation, advice and information can change rapidly. We advise all residents to check in on our dashboard and social media for updates on local information. QLD Health should continue to be your first point of contact for any COVID-19 developments. Visit <https://www.health.qld.gov.au/>

We implore all residents to observe the social distancing and hand hygiene guidelines at all times.

What travel restrictions are in place?

Some areas in Cape York including Cook Shire, Mapoon and Northern Peninsula Area Council have implemented restrictions on all non-essential travel. Please refer to the relevant council website for updates:

- <https://www.mapoon.qld.gov.au/>
- <http://www.cook.qld.gov.au/>
- <https://www.nparc.qld.gov.au/>

Can I still travel on the PDR?

Travel north of Weipa to Mapoon is currently restricted. QPS have implemented a 24/7 traffic monitoring point.

Similar arrangements for travel South of Weipa (i.e. to Archer / Aurukun) are currently being finalised. Notification to the community will be released as soon as these arrangements have been confirmed with Qld Police.

Flights in/out of Weipa

Currently there are no restrictions on flights in and out of Weipa. The Weipa LDMG expects this situation to change with restrictions on non-essential travel implemented in the near future.

Qantas has reduced some Weipa services, please refer to <https://www.qantas.com/au/en.html> for updates on specific flight details.

Should you decide to travel out of Weipa, we recommend that you self-isolate for 14 days upon your return. Please be aware that this may become a mandatory requirement in the near future.

What is essential travel?

QPS are currently confirming criteria on what is considered as essential travel with the relevant State authority. The Weipa LDMG will provide this information as soon as these criteria has been clarified.

The Weipa LDMG encourages all residents to review and reconsider all travel plans outside of Weipa.

Do I need to stock up on essential items?

Supply of food and essential items such as medications into Weipa will continue as per normal. We strongly advise that there is no need to panic buy or hoard supplies.